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On Post

Free baby layettes

Families who have had children since being deployed to Iraq, or have had them since their return, are eligible to receive a free layette offered by Spencer's Children's Clothing Company, Inc.

For specific guidelines and applications, contact the American Red Cross office at 767-2197.

Army One Source

Telephone counseling service is available for personal support and referrals to military and community resources.

For more information visit <http://www.army-onesource.com>. User ID Army password is "Onesource" or call 1-800-464-8107.

Home Business

Military spouses and retirees are needed as childcare providers in counties surrounding Fort Stewart and Hunter. If you like children, why not start your small business. Free training and assistance provided.

Resume Writing

A workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., ACS Bldg. 253. For more information call 767-5058.

Bible Study

Two Protestant bible studies are being offered to Soldiers and family members at Fort Stewart.

The Working Women Bible for Protestant Women of the Chapel will be held Wednesdays 7 to 8 p.m. at Marne Chapel.

The bible study is geared for working wives or Soldiers. Come and join the fun. The Protestant women of the Chapel will meet Tuesdays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Vale Chapel

Every Tuesday deepen your relationship with the Lord while enjoying fellowship with other wives.

Off Post

Stars & Stripes

Griesheim, Germany — Stars and Stripes has launched a promotion offering a chance for the military and civilian communities to send holiday wishes to the men and women serving in support of OIF this holiday season. A special Holiday Greetings section in the Middle East Edition allowing people from around the globe to send their best wishes to those deployed to the Middle East — for free!

•Option 1 allows up to a 10 line message for free

•Option 2 allows the sender to add a photo or image of their choice to their message; these larger 2.5" wide x 3" deep ads are only \$49.00To place a greeting, simply visit the Stars and Stripes website at www.stripes.com and click on the "Holiday Greetings" image button. Space is limited so act today! Messages must be received no later than Nov. 29.

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-9366. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

Giving for the holidays



Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Sgt. Maj. Paul A. Goldsmith, DSB operations sergeant major, passes a carton of holiday goods down the line to a truck departing to its designated unit Nov. 18. The holiday goods are Thanksgiving vouchers donated by the Audie Murphy Club to Soldiers and their families.

Audie Murphy Club donates Thanksgiving food baskets

Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Associate Editor

Every time the holidays roll around on Fort Stewart, the Audie Murphy Club has an annual tradition to help out Soldiers and family members of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Food drives and give aways is what the club is commonly known for during the

Thanksgiving holidays.

For the month of November, the club hosts a give away of food baskets to the units, Soldiers and families of the 3rd Inf. Div.

"We (AMC) like to give back to the community and Soldiers of Fort Stewart," said Master Sgt. Andrew Williams, chapter president.

The club donated 72 food baskets, which contained a voucher

for a turkey, along with canned foods and dried goods.

"Basically a Soldier just has to come in, state the unit he's picking up for and he walks out with 10 boxes for his unit," Williams said.

Many units stopped by throughout the day for various reasons, but with the single goal to get something for their Soldiers for the holiday season.

"We heard the Audie Murphy Club was handing out food baskets and we wanted to make sure we picked some up for the unit," said Sgt. Major Paul A. Goldsmith, Division Support Brigade operations sergeant major.

"Basically anything that believes in giving to the Soldiers is something good that people should try to take full advantage of," Goldsmith said.

Bike rodeo teaches kids bike safety

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Associate Editor

The military police put on a bike rodeo for the kids and parents of the Stewart community at Brittin Elementary Nov. 20.

The kids registered their bikes, rode an obstacle course and took a test to see how much bicycle safety they knew.

"We wanted to help make the community kids more aware of the bicycle requirements on post," said Sgt. Mike Dinkel, 179th Military Police Detachment.

Dinkel said many kids

own bikes and ride down the streets, but don't know the proper hand arm signals to notify motor vehicles which way they are turning.

Throughout the day, as parents passed the registration table, their kids eagerly rushed to the obstacle course in the Brittin parking lot.

"We set up a small bike course here to safety test kids bikes and show them bike arm signals," Dinkel said.

"My son heard about this in school and wanted to come down and get his bike registered and for the fun things to do like the

obstacle course," said Sgt. Jordan Cox, D Company, 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment.

While most parents brought their kids to get their bikes registered, all parents and kids agreed the bike rodeo is a good way to introduce or refresh kids on bicycle safety.

"I wanted my grandson to come down here today because he needs to learn how to operate his bike," said Master Sgt. Gregory Rhea, installation provost marshal sergeant major. "Kids on Fort Stewart need to know how to be safe on the road. The bike patrol here is teaching that."



Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Colby Rhea, a first grade student at Brittin Elementary School, displays his registration form.

Local school sponsors 3/69 Soldiers

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

1st Bde.

Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment visited Langston Chapel Elementary School in Statesboro, Ga., to talk with children and show them the tools Soldiers will use during the upcoming deployment.

Langston Chapel had offered to sponsor 3/69 Armor during the deployment by writing them letters and sending them care packages as a show of support for our military personnel in theater.

The children of Langston Chapel have been dedicated to providing 3/69 Armor with care packages, Bozeman said.

"Since September, the students, parents, teachers and staff have been donating items to give to you during your deployment to Iraq," he said.

"I feel that at a very young age you need to

establish a difference between supporting a war and supporting Soldiers," said Cindy Bozeman, a Langston Chapel teacher. I think if we instill in children that they should stand behind their troops, they will carry that through their lives."

Upon first agreeing to support 3/69 Armor, the faculty did not realize how many Soldiers they were offering to sponsor, said Bozeman. They were able to meet their goals through the support of local businesses that had agreed to donate supplies to complete the care packages.

Lt. Col. Mark Wald, 3/69 Armor commander, was moved by the offer the children had made to write his battalion while they were deployed and decided to come visit the school to talk to the children and introduce them to his company commanders.

"All the letters that you take the time to write to

each of our 930 Soldiers will be answered," Wald said.

Wald and his Soldiers introduced themselves during an assembly in the Langston Chapel auditorium. He showed them slides of the vehicles the battalion uses in war and showed them the new equipment each Soldier will wear while in Iraq.

The children and faculty sang a few songs for the Soldiers. They had practiced the songs for over a month in preparation for the visit, Bozeman said.

After the assembly, the visiting Soldiers took time to talk to children in their individual classrooms and give them a chance to try out some of the new gear. Teachers turned off the lights in the room so kids could look through night vision goggles. The Soldiers also brought meals ready to eat so the kids could try some of the food Soldiers



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Lt. Col. Mark Wald, 3/69 Armor commander, helps 8 year-old Jahseen Fontaine try on an Interceptor vest during a visit to Langston Chapel Elementary School Wednesday.

Stewart hosts annual JROTC drill competition

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Associate Editor

Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets from Liberty County High School recently traveled to their annual drill competition Nov. 17 at Fort Stewart.

Roughly 120 cadets arrived to take part in the annual drill competition, which gives them the opportunity to experience a bit of the Army under the watchful eyes of 3rd Military Police Battalion sergeants serving as drill competition graders.

"This enhances their training," said Lt. Col. Bill Sutton, Liberty County High School senior army instructor. "It makes them heads and shoulders over their peers."

The high school cadets competed in company, platoon, squad, guidon and individual knock-out drill.

According to many of the sergeants grading, the knock-out drill was perhaps the most difficult for the cadets because it brought the full attention of the graders on individuals in the drill formations.

"When the cadets are singled out as individuals, it puts more stress on the individual, which can cause many of them to slip up after a while," said Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Burkhart, 549th Military Police Company.

The competition did more than just meet a requirement for the JROTC curriculum, because it gave the cadets an opportunity to show their skills in various drill competitions.

D Co., Cadet 1st Sgt. Josh Payne, valued the time on Stewart as a good learning experience.

"You may think you're good but until you performed for different audiences who are seeing you for the first time, all the pressure of them not knowing your abilities is felt," Payne said.

Payne said that it was interesting because the Soldiers watched them very closely looking for any slip-up, which was good.

With the competition behind them, the high school drill instructors and drill competition graders awarded the company guidons new streamers signifying their completion of the annual drill competition.

"We pushed them hard for this, but they put their heart and soul into this competition," said Retired Sgt. Maj. Sam Douglas, Liberty County High School Army instructor.

This was the first time for some members of the 549th to work with JROTC, and they all enjoyed the experience and praised the cadets hard work and dedication.

"It was nice to see young kids so motivated in the future of the military," Burkhart said. "Everyone did an outstanding job. They all are winners in my book."



Photos by Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Burkhart, from the 549th Military Police Company along with A Co. Cadet 1st Sgt. Sheila Terry ties the new honor company streamer on the company guidon.



Students drop the guidons to present arms during the guidon drill portion.



The cadets of Liberty County High School await the order to begin performing their drill for the instructor.



(Above) Standing at attention, the cadets are still as the grader Sgt. Jillian Rountree, 549th MP Co., 3rd MP Bn. inspects their formation. (Right) Cadets from A Co., march during the annual drill competition for Liberty County High School at Walker Field Nov. 17.



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eat while out in the field.

The faculty of Langston Chapel was very excited about the visit and thanked the Soldiers for taking time out to come to the school.

“You have all given us such a gift by coming here today,” Bozeman said. “I know this will have a last- ing effect on the children of Langston Chapel.

“They will look back on this event and know they did their part as a young child to support our mili- tary during a time of war. I am convinced children need to grow up respecting the courage and commit- ment of our military.” “I am proud of the steps these children have taken to support all of you,” he said.



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Lt. Col. Mark Wald, 3/69 Armor commander, talks with children from Langston Chapel Elementary school during a visit Monday about the equipment that Soldiers use when they are deployed.



Pet of the Week

Refresca is a 7-month-old female pitt/labrador mix. She enjoys playing and is very energetic

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The clinic is located on W. Bultman Avenue.



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Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	5 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.

Protestant		
Sunday Protestant Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
Sunday School	Diamond Elementary	9:30 a.m.

American Samoan		
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.

Muslim		
Friday Jum'ah	Building 610	12:30 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Building 610	9 a.m.

Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	9 a.m.

Jewish		
Friday Services	Marne	6 p.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant		
Protestant Sunday School	Religious Education Center	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	Chapel	11 a.m.

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	9:30 a.m.
CCD	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Giving thanks this Thanksgiving holidays

Chaplain (1st Lt.)
Richard Thompson

HHC, 2/3 BTB chaplain

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays of the year. It's a joyful, simple holiday that has so far escaped all of the commercialism that is so much a part of every other holiday. Thanksgiving sort of kicks-off the whole holiday season and sets the stage for Christmas and New Years.

Some of my best childhood memories come from the gathering of family and friends at Thanksgiving.

When I was a child, it was our tradition to go over to grandma and grandpa's house, which really wasn't a house, but a single-wide mobile home. There we would meet up with everyone else in the family. Aunts, uncles, cousins and family friends would crowd into their small home. You can imagine the chaos.

Before we ate dinner, the men, women and children would all be separated. This was not because of any rule we had but based on their job description.

The men had the job of gathering in the living room to compare notes on the weather, gas mileage and the bounty of this year's hunting season. Only when this task was completed would they turn on the football game and go about their usual ritual of yelling at the television set, as if they could influence the referees from the sofa.

The women, on the other hand, had the good job. They got to be in the kitchen where the feast was being prepared. They cooked, stuffed, basted and tasted all kinds of good things. And as

I recall, the men were not allowed at all in the kitchen, at least not until it was time to carve the turkey.

The children had it the best. We really weren't allowed in the kitchen, and most of us could care less about football so we got to play. We made up all kinds of games, and because I was one of the oldest, I got to make up the rules. We had a lot of great fun and worked up a big appetite.

Finally, it was time. The table was set, the turkey carved, the feast was laid out across the table, and the men, women and children all came together around the table. It was time to eat!

But before a single fork was lifted, we paused for a moment and my grandfather offered up a prayer of thanksgiving to our God.

During the Thanksgiving holiday there is a lot talk about being thankful. Many people even take time to express why they are thankful. They say things like, "I am thankful for my job," or "I am thankful for my family," or perhaps even, "I am thankful for the outcome of the elections."

However, while there is a lot of talk about being thankful, people rarely talk about actually giving their thanks to anyone. But the word thanksgiving implies that we are giving our thanks to someone. Which means that in order for us to truly celebrate Thanksgiving, we must have someone to give our thanks to.

But to whom do we give our thanks? Or perhaps the more important question is, who deserves our thanks?

Psalm 107.1: says, "O

give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever."

Similar statements are made throughout Scripture and giving thanks to God was demonstrated by faithful believers in both the Old and New Testaments.

Therefore, for those who believe, God is the one to whom we are to give our thanks. What's more, he is the only one who truly deserves our thanks. No one has cared and provided for us like God, and no one can. A true thanksgiving begins with God because he is the reason we hold this holiday feast.

History tells us that William Bradford and the first pilgrims at Plymouth Colony held that very first thanksgiving feast, not simply as a harvest feast or as a way to thank the Native Americans for all their help.

They held this feast to celebrate God's goodness to them and to thank him for his blessings. In fact, they lived their lives believing in a good God who deserves our offerings of thankfulness for every good thing.

This thankful attitude was not the result of a comfortable, easy life free from sorrow and pain. The pilgrims didn't thank God because he always made life easy for them.

On the contrary, that first Thanksgiving came after the most difficult year of their lives. They had to endure a brutally cold winter, famine, disease and death. Over half of those who arrived on the Mayflower did not survive to see that first spring in the New World. They were very familiar with suffering, grief and discouragement. Still,

they gave God thanks.

Why? Because they knew that every good thing, no matter how small, came from him. But there were also some pretty big things to be thankful for.

They had a new start in life with their own land, which is a pretty big deal for anyone.

Most importantly, they had found freedom. Freedom from oppression and freedom to worship God as they saw fit. These good things could only come from a good God. So they celebrated with a feast. A Thanksgiving to God.

And yet many people today, even those who say that they believe in God, still will not include him in their Thanksgiving. Instead the focus will be on family and friends or football and food. All good things to be sure, but God gets left out. This is not at all what was intended when this holiday was established.

The writer of Psalm 116 asks a question. He asks himself, "What shall I give to the Lord for all his goodness to me?" Then he answers, "To you Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving."

Life in this world is never perfect and it isn't always easy. But we do have much to thank God for: family, friends, food, football and especially, freedom.

So this Thanksgiving holiday, whatever traditions you have, take time to actually give thanks. When you gather around the table, before you stuff yourself full of all that good food, take a few moments to pause and offer your Thanksgiving to the Lord. After all, he is the real reason we celebrate this feast.

Managing Holiday Stress

For many, holidays offer an opportunity to celebrate who you are, the people you love, and the values you cherish. But as the holiday season approaches, many people experience conflicting emotions.

During what is traditionally a joyous time of year, holidays often bring additional tasks and events that need to be squeezed into already tight schedules. You might find yourself trying to do the impossible in a short amount of time, on a limited budget, with conflicting demands pulling you in different directions. Stress is a big part of holidays.

Army One Source will work with you to set realistic expectations, set a budget and prioritize all the things You need to do. Army One Source can provide support, information and resources to help you deal with family and relationship issues and find answers to your questions on important health issues.

The U.S. Army can help you with the every day life issues that are faced by Soldiers and their families living near or on installations, or just wanting the convenience of phone consultation or email, by providing services and resources by phone, online or referring to private counseling as requested. Army One Source is a pre-paid resource available to provide the support you need and help with all the demands that are placed on your life.

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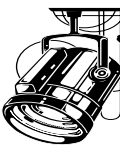
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Volunteer Spotlight



Kim S. Villasencio



Kim S. Villasencio a Brooklyn, N.Y., native is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital.

She volunteers in the Human Resources Department.

“I am volunteering because I enjoy working with the community,” Villasencio said.

She also said volunteering offers her the chance to brush-up on her medical skills. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, working out, going to the movies and watching old black and white movies. Villasencio and her husband Adriano have two children, 18-year-old Adrian and 15-year-old Deon.

If you would like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or send an email to Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil



WOODRUFF THEATER

Nov. 25 - Dec. 1

Friday, Saturday and Sunday admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for children.

Monday through Thursday admission is \$1.75 for adults, \$1.25 for children.

Taxi (PG-13)

Starring: Queen Latifah, Jimmy Fallon

Thursday at 7 p.m.

After a cop has a series of traffic accidents, he loses his license. While on duty he gets a call about a bank robbery, but because he cannot drive, he hails a taxi and gets his new partner, a cabbie with an attitude. **Run Time:** 97 minutes

Team America: World Police(R)

Starring: Animated

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m.

Team America follows an international police force dedicated to maintaining global stability. Learning that power hungry dictator Kim Jong Il is out to destroy the world, the team recruits Broadway star Gary Johnston to go undercover. With the help of Team America, Gary manages to slip into an arms dealer's hideout to uncover the plan to destroy the world. All the while they are developing close relationships that lead to love, jealousy, and betrayal. **Run Time:** 98 minutes

Surviving Christmas (PG-13)

Starring: Ben Affleck, James Gandolfini

Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Facing another Christmas alone, Drew decides to go back to his idyllic childhood home to spend the holidays with family. There is, however, one problem: the people living there now are not Drew's family. Nevertheless, Drew has his mind set on an old-fashioned family Christmas, and the fact that the "family" in question, the Valcos, are complete strangers, isn't about to put a crimp in his plans.**Run Time:** 92 minutes



Birth Announcements

Nov. 3

Jania Mary-Victoria Johnson, a girl, 9 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Rodney Sherrod Johnson and Evelyn Leeann Johnson.

Nov. 6

Shawn Brinton Gustavson, a boy, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. Jeffrey Allen Gustavson and Jessica-Ann Schorer Gustavson.

Christopher Wayne Gibson, a boy, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Chief Warrant Officer 2 James Gibson and Audrey G. Gibson.

Janay Alaija Gill, a girl, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Jason D. Gill and Bilshannica T. Gill.

Colton Lee Pennington, a boy, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Sgt. Paris Lee Pennington, Jr., and Corinne Leah-Ann Pennington.

Nov. 7

Rylind Carsin Lusk, a boy, 6 pounds, born to Pfc. Timothy Lusk and Shannon Lusk.

Imani Danielle Johnson, a girl, 5 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. Danielle Yvette Johnson.

Nov. 8

Brian Michael Climer, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Lt. Col. Tom Climer and Julie Climer.

Nov. 9

Elijah Donovan Facey, a boy, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Simeon Facey and Veronica Facey.

Naomi Amelia McKinney, a girl, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Christopher McKinney and Spc. Alisa McKinney.

Courtland Le Maceo Simmons, a boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. Courtney Renal Simmons and La Tocha L'Angelles Simmons.

Daniya Rochelle Samuel, a girl, 9 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. Derek A. Samuel and Nicole R. Samuel.

Blake Owen Finlay, a boy, 9 pounds, born to Pfc. William C. Finlay and Leslie R. Finlay.

Nov. 10

Carley Marie Beasley, a girl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. Carl L. Beasley and Kimberly Beasley.

Christopher Alexander Furches, a boy, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Christopher James Furches and Mary Grace Furches.

Layla Diane Tyus, a girl, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Tyus William and Meredith M. Tyus.

Nov. 11

Dena Patience Leonard, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Capt. Dene Ray Leonard, III and Thea Sandra Leonard.

Amaria Destiny Bell, a girl, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Mr. Dwight Bell and Spc. Janece Bell.

Joanna Charlene Owen, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Barton W. Owen, Jr. and Jane Stetson.

Nov. 12

Lillian Leigh Brayton, a girl, 10 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Troy Brayton and Amy Brayton.

Jack Edwin Howard Tenney, a boy, 9 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. Zachary Tenney and Robin Tenney.

Nov. 12

William Edwin Lambert, Jr., a boy, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Spc. William E. Lambert and Michelle Lambert.

Joshua Allen Miller, a boy, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Capt. Jade P. Miller and Melissa S. Miller.

Jalen Shamar Watkins, a boy, 5 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Gregory S. Watkins, Jr., and Angelina N. Watkins.

